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Applicants: ROSPEK , et al.

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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October 23, 2008

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction requirement in the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, including claims 3-9, drawn to a perforation gun including means for automatically closing the penetration holes comprising a sliding tube.

Examination of the elected invention is requested.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, thank the Examiner for the personal interview conducted between the Examiner and the undersigned on October 22, 2008.

During the interview, the present invention and the differences between the present invention and international publication number WO 00/49271 and U.S. Patent No. 2,142,572 were discussed. It was noted that neither document discloses a sliding tube arranged coaxially between the perforators and the gun barrel, as presently

claimed. The Examiner understood those differences and indicated that a further search would be conducted upon receipt of this response and, if appropriate, that the Examiner would contact the undersigned to discuss the application subsequent to the further search.

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Respectfully submitted,

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